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British Medical Association.

NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, PORTSMOUTH, JULY 24th to 27th, 1923.

Patron: HIS MAJESTY THE KING.

President: Sir WILLIAM MACEWEN, C.B., D.Sc., D.C.L., M.D., F.R.S., Regius Professor of Surgery, University of Glasgow, one of the Honorary Surgeons to H.M. the King in Scotland.

President-Elect: CHARLES P. CHILDE, B.A., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P.E., Senior Surgeon, Royal Portsmouth Hospital.

Chairman of Representative Meetings: R. WALLACE HENRY, B.A., M.D.

Chairman of Council: ROBERT ALFRED BOLAM, LL.D., M.D., F.R.C.P.

Treasurer: GEORGE ERNEST HASLIP, M.D.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME.

THE incoming President will give his address to the Association on the evening of Tuesday, July 24th.

The ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING will begin on Friday, July 20th, at 10 a.m., and be continued on the three following weekdays.

The statutory ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held on July 24th at 2 p.m., and the adjourned general meeting at 7.45 p.m.

The Annual Dinner of the Association will take place in the Town Hall on Thursday, July 26th, at 7.30 p.m.

The official Religious Service will be held on July 24th at 4.30 p.m., and mass will be celebrated in St. John's Roman Catholic Cathedral on July 26th, at 9 a.m.

The Conference of Secretaries will be held at 2.30 on Wednesday, July 25th, and the Secretaries' Dinner will take place the same evening at 7.30.

The Annual Exhibition of surgical appliances, foods, drugs, and books will be opened by the President-elect on July 24th at 9.30 a.m., and will remain open on July 25th, 26th, and 27th.

Saturday, July 28th, the last day of the meeting, will be set apart for excursions to places of interest in the neighbourhood. Other excursions will be arranged for the afternoons of July 25th, 26th, and 27th.

THE SECTIONS.

The Scientific Sections will meet from 9.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. for papers and discussions, and it is hoped that laboratory and clinical demonstrations in connexion with the work of the Sections may be arranged for the afternoons.

The following Sections meet on Three Days—Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 25, 26, and 27.

MEDICINE.

President: Sir THOMAS J. HORDER, Bt., M.D., F.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: GEORGE A. ALLAN, M.B., F.R.F.P.S.; J. J. PERKINS, M.B., F.R.C.P.; JOHN PHILLIPS, M.B.; C. F. ROUTH, M.D.; J. ODERY SYMES, M.D.

Honorary Secretaries: R. A. DOVE, M.B., "Chesterfield," Elm Grove, Southsea; GEOFFREY EVANS, M.D., F.R.C.P., 23, Park Square, London, N.W.1.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 25th.—Discussion: Diabetes. To be opened by Sir THOMAS HORDER, followed by Dr. P. J. CAMMIDGE, Dr. GEORGE GRAHAM, Dr. J. A. NIXON, C.M.G., and Dr. JOHN K. RENNIE, M.C. Dr. F. G. BANTING (Toronto), the discoverer of insulin, will also take part in the debate.

Thursday, July 26th.—Discussion: The Etiology and Treatment of Heart Disease in Early Life, with special view to the prevention of Chronic Cardiac Insufficiency. To be opened by Dr. REGINALD MILLER, followed by Dr. G. A. ALLAN, Dr. J. G. EMANUEL, Dr. T. F. COTTON, Dr. CAREY COOMBS, Dr. WILFRID ATTLEE, and Dr. M. O. RAVEN.

Friday, July 27th.—Discussion: Chronic Bronchitis. To be opened by Dr. J. J. PERKINS, followed by Dr. J. O. SYMES, Dr. E. HYLA GREVES, Dr. M. G. FOSTER, O.B.E., Dr. A. C. INMAN, Dr. EDGAR L. COLLIS, and Mr. G. SECCOMBE HETT.

SURGERY.

President: Sir HENRY M. W. GRAY, K.B.E., C.B., C.M.G., F.R.C.S.Edin.

Vice-Presidents: DOUGLAS DREW, F.R.C.S.; Sir T. CRISP ENGLISH, K.C.M.G., F.R.C.S.; T. A. MUNRO FORDE, M.R.C.S.; JOHN PATRICK, F.R.C.S.Edin.; PERCY SARGENT, C.M.G., F.R.C.S.

Honorary Secretaries: HAROLD BURROWS, C.B.E., F.R.C.S., The Cams, Grove Road, Southsea; B. C. MAYBURY, F.R.C.S., 42, Wimpole Street, W.1.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 25th—10 a.m.—Discussion: The Treatment of Obstruction of the Colon. To be opened by Mr. ARTHUR H. BURGESS, followed by Messrs. SEYMOUR G. BARLING, ARTHUR B. MITCHELL, HERBERT W. CARSON, JOHN P. LOCKHART-MUMMERY, and CHARLES A. PANNETT.

12 noon.—Are the results of the operative treatment of malignant disease improving? To be introduced by Mr. H. J. PATERSON.

Thursday, July 26th.—Discussion: The Treatment of Acute Primary Infections of the Hand (including sequelae). To be opened by Mr. DAVID P. D. WILKIE, followed by Messrs. C. MAX PAGE, F. D. SANER, GERALD T. MULLALLY, and R. M. HANDFIELD-JONES.

12 noon.—Ventriculography. To be introduced by Mr. A. A. MCCONNELL.

Friday, July 27th.—Discussion: Anaesthetics from the Surgeon's Point of View. To be opened by Mr. WILFRED TROTTER, followed by Sir WILLIAM DE COURCY WHEELER and Drs. A. L. FLEMMING, J. BLOMFIELD, and A. E. BOYD.

OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

President: VICTOR BONNEY, M.S., M.D., F.R.C.S.

Vice-Presidents: Professor W. BLAIR BELL, M.D., B.S.; JAMES HENDRY, M.B., Ch.B.; LOUISA MARTINDALE, M.D.; A. BOSWORTH WRIGHT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Honorary Secretaries: GERTRUDE DEARNLEY, M.D., 27, Seymour House, Compton Street, London, W.C.1; E. F. S. GREEN, M.B., Ch.B., 8, Victoria Road, Southsea.

PATHOLOGY AND BACTERIOLOGY.

President: HUGH MACLEAN, M.D., D.Sc., M.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: Professor FREDERICK HOBDAY, C.M.G., F.R.C.V.S., F.R.S.Ed.; A. F. BERNARD SHAW, M.D., F.R.C.P.I.; Professor G. HASWELL WILSON, M.B., Ch.B.

Honorary Secretaries: J. A. D. RADCLIFFE, M.B., B.Ch., 41, Clarendon Road, Southsea; R. L. MACKENZIE WALLIS, M.D., 105, Harley Street, London, W.1.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 25th.—Discussion: Diseases of the Stomach, particularly with reference to Modern Methods of Investigation. To be opened by Dr. CHARLES BOLTON.

Thursday, July 26th.—The Value of Serological Tests in Diagnosis. To be opened by Professor H. R. DEAN.

Friday, July 27th.—The Part Played by Fungi in Disease. To be opened by Dr. A. CASTELLANI.

The officers of the Section will be glad of the loan of *x*-ray negatives or prints for exhibition in the Museum (see p. 219). Offers should be addressed to Dr. M. Aston Key, 14, Clarendon Road, Southsea, Portsmouth.

NEUROLOGY AND PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

President: HENRY DEVINE, O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: D. K. HENDERSON, M.D., F.R.F.P.S.; C. M. HINDS HOWELL, M.D., F.R.C.P.; GEORGE RIDDOCH, M.D., M.R.C.P.; E. J. DAVIS TAYLOR, M.B., B.Ch.

Honorary Secretaries: J. L. JACKSON, M.B., B.Ch., Knowle Mental Hospital, Fareham, Hants; C. P. SYMONDS, M.D., M.R.C.P., 74, Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 25th.—Discussion: The Nervous Child. To be opened by Dr. H. C. CAMERON.

Thursday, July 26th.—Discussion: The Sequelae of Encephalitis Lethargica. To be opened by Dr. E. F. BUZZARD.

On Thursday afternoon Dr. C. DA FANO will give a demonstration on Epidemic and Herpetic Encephalitis.

Friday, July 27th.—Discussion: The Prognosis in Psychosis occurring during Adolescence. To be opened by Dr. D. K. HENDERSON.

The following Sections will each meet on Two Days.

OPHTHALMOLOGY.

President: Sir JOHN H. PARSONS, C.B.E., D.Sc., F.R.S., F.R.C.S.

Vice-Presidents: W. S. INMAN, M.B.; RANSOM PICKARD, C.B., C.M.G., M.S., F.R.C.S.

Honorary Secretaries: M. W. B. OLIVER, O.B.E., F.R.C.S., 128, Harley Street, London, W.1; J. A. VALENTINE, M.D., South View Lodge, 53, Kent Road, Southsea.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Thursday, July 26th.—Discussion: The Clinical Significance of Scotometry. To be opened by Mr. A. H. H. SINCLAIR (Edinburgh).

Friday, July 27th.—Discussion: Ophthalmology in its Relation to the Navy, Army, and Air Force. Air Commodore D. MUNRO will speak, and other officers of the R.A.F. and from the Army and Navy will take part.

PUBLIC HEALTH.

President: A. MEARNS FRASER, M.D., D.P.H.

Vice-Presidents: W. J. HOWARTH, C.B.E., M.D., D.P.H.; L. E. W. STEPHENS, C.B.E., M.R.C.S.; Professor F. E. WYNNE, M.B., D.P.H.

Honorary Secretaries: W. H. LAMPLOUGH, M.D., D.P.H., Bredon, Alverstoke; E. LEWYS-LLOYD, M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Gothic House, Towyn, Merionethshire.

This Section will meet on July 26th and 27th.

DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

President: EDMUND CAUTLEY, M.D., F.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: CATHERINE CHISHOLM, M.D.; WILLIAM P. MCELDOWNEY, M.B., B.Ch.; ERIC PRITCHARD, M.D., M.R.C.P.

Honorary Secretaries: E. A. COCKAYNE, M.D., F.R.C.P., 33, Weymouth Street, London, W.1; R. HAMER HODGES, M.C., M.B., B.S., 93, Victoria Road, N., Southsea.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Thursday, July 26th.—Discussion: Acidosis and Alkalosis in Children. To be opened by Dr. P. J. CAMMIDGE.

Friday, July 27th.—Discussion: Summer Diarrhoea. To be opened by Dr. DAVID NABARRO.

Paper: Dr. H. T. ASHBY (Manchester), After-effects of Tuberculosis of Abdomen in Children.

LARYNGOLOGY AND OTOLOGY.

President: E. B. WAGGETT, D.S.O., M.B., B.Ch.

Vice-Presidents: SOMERVILLE HASTINGS, M.S., F.R.C.S.; A. J. M. WRIGHT, F.R.C.S.

Honorary Secretaries: G. H. ROSS, M.B., B.Ch., 28, Kent Road, Southsea; H. G. BEDFORD RUSSELL, F.R.C.S., 86, Harley Street, London, W.1.

This Section meets on July 26th and 27th, and the following provisional programme has been arranged:

(A) *Laryngology.*

Discussion: Spasm of Larynx. To be opened by Sir STCLAIR THOMSON.

(B) *Otology.*

Discussion: Non-suppurative Conditions of the Labyrinth. To be opened by Mr. SYDNEY R. SCOTT.

RADIOLOGY AND ELECTROLOGY.

President: S. GILBERT SCOTT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: Professor SIDNEY RUSS, D.Sc.; W. J. TURRELL, M.D., D.M.R.E.

Honorary Secretaries: E. BEVERLEY BIRD, D.S.O., L.R.C.P.& S.I., 15, Clarence Parade, Southsea; G. T. LOUGHBOROUGH, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.M.R.E., 9, Bentinck Street, London, W.1.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 25th.—Discussion: The *X*-Ray Examination of the Urinary Tract. To be opened by Dr. R. W. A. SALMOND, O.B.E.

Paper: Pyelography. By Dr. R. OGIER WARD, D.S.O., M.C.

Thursday, July 26th.—Discussion: Medical Diathermy. To be opened by Dr. E. P. CUMBERBATCH.

Supplementary paper: Dr. C. A. ROBINSON.

There will be an exhibition of *x*-ray negatives and prints of the urinary tract. Prints or negatives (up to the number of ten for any name or hospital) should be sent to Dr. E. Beverley Bird, 15, Clarence Parade, Southsea, before July 10th. Every care will be taken of them, and they will be returned by post by August 10th. The Pathological Section will exhibit prints, negatives, specimens, etc., of outstanding interest in any subject.

NAVAL AND MILITARY HYGIENE.

President: Surgeon Rear-Admiral Sir PERCY WM. BASSETT-SMITH, K.C.B., C.M.G., F.R.C.S., R.N.(ret.).

Vice-Presidents: Surgeon Captain R. St. G. S. BOND, F.R.C.S. Edin., R.N.; Air Commodore DAVID MUNRO, C.I.E., F.R.C.S.Edin., Medical Administrator R.A.F.M.S.; Sir LEONARD ROGERS, C.I.E., M.D., F.R.S., I.M.S.(ret.); Lieut.-Colonel N. J. CRAWFORD RUTHERFORD, D.S.O., R.A.M.C., M.B., Assistant Director of Hygiene, Southern Command.

Honorary Secretaries: Surgeon Commander K. DIGBY BELL, R.N., Royal Naval School of Physical Training, Portsmouth; Surgeon Commander D. H. C. GIVEN, M.D., R.N., Commander-in-Chief's Office, Portsmouth; Captain W. L. E. FRETZ, M.B., R.A.M.C., Alexandra Military Hospital, Cosham, Hants; Wing Commander H. E. WHITTINGHAM, M.B., R.A.F.M.S., R.A.F. Central Laboratory, Avenue House, East End Road, Finchley, N.3.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 25th—10 a.m. to 12 noon.—Papers: Group Captain M. W. FLACK, C.B.E., R.A.F.M.S., Some Considerations in the Estimation of Physical Efficiency; Lieut.-Colonel C. R. SYLVESTER-BRADLEY, R.A.M.C., Some Aspects of Normality, with special reference to the Selection of Recruits; Surgeon Commander K. DIGBY BELL, R.N., Some of the Points Embodied in the Curriculum of a Student of Physical Training.

12 noon to 1 p.m.—Wing Commander H. E. WHITTINGHAM and Flight Lieutenant A. F. ROOK, R.A.F.M.S. (members of the R.A.F. Sandfly Fever Commission), The Etiology of Phlebotomus Fever.

2.30 p.m.—Visit to Royal Naval School of Physical Training, where a demonstration and discussion will take place.

Thursday, July 26th—10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Papers: Major M. SINCLAIR, C.M.G., R.A.M.C., Recent Changes in Fracture Treatment; Surgeon Captain D. W. HEWITT, C.B., C.M.G., R.N., Some General Remarks on Naval Surgery; Major H. GRAEME ANDERSON, M.B.E., R.A.F.M.S., Aeroplane Accidents. The papers will be illustrated by lantern slides.

2.30 p.m.—Demonstration by Major M. SINCLAIR, C.M.G., R.A.M.C., of special appliances for treatment of fractures. Visit to Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar.

TUBERCULOSIS.

President: Sir HENRY J. GAUVAIN, M.D., M.Ch.

Vice-Presidents: ROBERT ROBERTSON, M.D.; JANE WALKER, M.D.; R. A. YOUNG, C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.

Honorary Secretaries: W. YOUNG WOODBURN, M.D., 75, Festing Road, Southsea; J. BROWNING ALEXANDER, M.D., M.R.C.P., 143, Harley Street, London, W.1.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 25th.—Discussions: (1) The Artificial Light Treatment of Lupus and other Forms of Tuberculosis. To be opened by Professor REYN (Copenhagen), followed by Dr. J. H. SEQUEIRA. (2) The Present Position of the Surgical Treatment of Pulmonary Tuberculosis. To be opened by Dr. GRAVESEN (Vejlefjord Sanatorium).

Thursday, July 26th.—Discussion: The Social Aspects of Tuberculosis, with special reference to Infectivity. To be opened by Miss JANE WALKER, M.D., followed by Dr. H. BATTY SHAW, Professor S. LYLE CUMMINS, C.B., C.M.G., Dr. F. N. K. MENZIES, Dr. G. BROOKES DIXON, and Dr. JOHN E. CHAPMAN.

The following Sections will each meet on One Day.

MEDICAL SOCIOLOGY.

President: H. B. BRACKENBURY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Vice-Presidents: ALEXANDER FORBES, M.B., C.M.; L. A. PARRY, M.D., F.R.C.S.; Sir LESLIE SCOTT, K.C., M.P.

Honorary Secretaries: ARNOLD LYNDON, O.B.E., M.D., Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey; A. H. S. ROBERTS, M.D., 428, Commercial Road, Portsmouth.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Friday, July 27th.—Discussion: Mental Deficiency in its Social Aspects—(*a*) education, (*b*) segregation, (*c*) sterilization.

Dr. WILLIAM POTTS (Psychological Expert to Birmingham Justices and Medical Officer Birmingham Committee for the Care of Mental Defectives) and Mrs. HELEN PINSENT (Board of Control) will open the discussion. Dr. HENRY DEVINE (Medical Superintendent, Corporation Mental Hospital, Portsmouth) will deal with segregation; Dr. C. MACFIE CAMPBELL (Director, Boston Psychopathic Hospital, U.S.A.) will speak on the methods of organization for supervision of mental defectives, etc.; Dr. JOSEPH F. E. PRIDEAUX (D.C.M.S. and Headquarters, Mental and Neurological Inspector Ministry of Pensions) and Miss EVELYN FOX (Honorary Secretary of the Central Association for Mental Welfare) will deal with the educational aspect; Dr. W. NORWOOD EAST (Senior Medical Officer, Brixton Prison) will discuss the incidence of crime and mental defect; and Dr. R. A. GIBBONS (Gynaecologist, Grosvenor Hospital for Women, London) will speak on sterilization of mental defectives.

Apparatus for mental tests and an exhibit of work done by mental deficients will be shown in the Pathological Museum. A film illustrating the education of mentally defective children will be shown by Miss Evelyn Fox in the exhibition on Friday afternoon.

ORTHOPAEDICS.

President: T. H. OPENSHAW, C.B., C.M.G., M.S., F.R.C.S.

Vice-Presidents: A. S. BLUNDELL BANKART, F.R.C.S.; JAMES RUSSELL, F.R.C.S.Ed.

Honorary Secretaries: WM. MARTIN, F.R.C.S.Ed., 43, Clarendon Road, Southsea; P. J. VERRALL, F.R.C.S., 116, Park Street, London, W.1.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Friday, July 27th—10 a.m.—Discussion: The Operative Treatment of Osteo-arthritis. To be opened by Mr. R. C. ELMSLIE, followed by Messrs. HARRY PLATT, P. JENNER VERRALL, MCCRAE AITKEN, and others.

11.45 a.m.—Papers: Mr. E. LAMING EVANS, Acute Rachitis in Late Childhood and Adolescence; Dr. ROBERT MILNE, The Prognosis of Legg's Disease of the Hip; Mr. P. BERNARD ROTH, The Treatment of Fractures of the Lower End of the Humerus; Mr. NAUGHTON DUNN, Congenital Talipes Equino-varus, its Prognosis and Treatment; Mr. T. H. OPENSHAW, C.B., C.M.G., Some Deformities of the Os Calcis.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

President: Sir ARCHDALL REID, K.B.E., M.B., F.R.S.Ed.

Vice-Presidents: DAVID LEES, M.B., F.R.C.S.Ed.; KENNETH M. WALKER, O.B.E., F.R.C.S.

Honorary Secretaries: ARCHIBALD CAMBELL, M.B., 12, Prudential Buildings, Portsmouth; W. R. SNODGRASS, M.B., F.R.F.P.S., 43, Ashton Terrace, Hillhead, Glasgow.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Friday, July 27th.—Discussion: Prevention and Treatment of Chronic Gonococcal Prostatitis and Vesiculitis. To be opened by Mr. KENNETH M. WALKER and Dr. DAVID WATSON.

ANAESTHETICS.

President: W. J. ESSERY, C.V.O., M.B.

Vice-Presidents: H. E. G. BOYLE, O.B.E., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; WM. CARLING, M.B., B.Ch.; C. H. MOTT, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Honorary Secretaries: R. H. EMMETT, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., The Corner, London Road, Portsmouth; H. R. PHILLIPS, M.D., 2, Cumberland Mansions, Bryanston Square, W.1.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Thursday, July 26th.—Papers: Dr. HAROLD SINGTON (London), Anaesthesia for Children; Dr. ARTHUR L. FLEMMING (Bristol), Fatalities from Anaesthetics; Dr. H. E. G. BOYLE (London), Paper and Demonstration of Apparatus for Administration of Gas, C.E., and Oxygen.

Honorary Local General Secretary:
C. A. SCOTT RIDOUT, M.S., F.R.C.S., St. Elmo, Clarendon Road, Southsea.

Assistant Honorary General Secretary:
E. J. DAVIS TAYLOR, M.B., B.Ch., 20, Clarence Parade, Southsea.

THE PATHOLOGICAL MUSEUM.

THE arrangements for the Museum are progressing steadily. Well lit rooms in the main building have been allotted for the purpose; the use of a lecture theatre on the same floor is available; another room will be wired for microscopy, and another for the display of *x*-ray negatives and sketches. Professor Castellani has kindly consented to give a demonstration of pathogenic fungi; another will be given by Dr. Da Fano on epidemic and herpetic encephalitis, and a third by Lieut.-Colonel Buchanan, I.M.S., illustrated by midwifery models. Specimens have also been promised by the President-Elect, Mr. C. P. Childe, by Professor Reyn of the Finsen Light Institute, Copenhagen, by Professor Eyre of Guy's Hospital Bacteriological Laboratory, by Dr. Porter Phillips of Bethlem Royal Hospital, by Mr. Sampson Handley, Mr. Scott Ridout, and others.

The Committee is anxious to secure the co operation of the officers of the various Sections at the forthcoming Annual Meeting. They will be glad to take charge of, and place in the Museum for exhibition, any specimens, casts, photographs, diagrams, or microscopic slides during the time they are not required by those who are reading papers or taking part in the discussions.

The chairman of the Pathological Museum Committee is Dr. J. A. D. Radcliffe, and the honorary secretaries are Drs. M. Aston Key and A. V. Maybury, jun. Communications may be addressed to Dr. Aston Key, 14, Clarendon Road, Southsea, Portsmouth.

TRAVELLING FACILITIES IN CONNEXION WITH THE ANNUAL MEETING AT PORTSMOUTH.

Railways.

THE railway companies in conference have agreed to issue railway tickets to members of the British Medical Association attending the Annual Meeting at a single fare and one-third for the double journey. These tickets will only be issued by the railway companies upon presentation of a special voucher which may be obtained upon application from the Financial Secretary and Business Manager, 429, Strand, W.C.2.

For the convenience of members residing within a radius of fifty miles of Portsmouth the railway company has undertaken to issue from Portsmouth and Southsea Station return tickets at a fare and a third on presentation at the booking office of the official member's card. This card is issued from the Reception Room, Portsmouth.

Members therefore should use the railway ticket they obtain in exchange for the voucher for the first journey to and the last journey from Portsmouth. For all intermediate journeys the reduced tickets can be obtained on exhibiting the member's card to the booking clerks at Portsmouth and Southsea Station. (Sunday is considered a *dies non.*)

The Journey by Car.

Further, if sufficient applications for seats are received, it is proposed to place at the disposal of the meeting a fleet of up-to-date touring cars, each seating twenty-three passengers, which will convey members by road from London to Portsmouth and Southsea. The route lies through some of the most charming scenery of Surrey and Hampshire. The first car will leave London at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, July 18th, 1923, and will travel by Kingston-on-Thames, Esher, Cobham, Guildford, and Godalming, after which begins the gradual ascent to the heights of Hindhead and the famous "Devil's Punchbowl." There will be a halt for luncheon at the Royal Huts Hotel, Hindhead, and afterwards a clear run through lovely country by Petersfield to Portsmouth and Southsea, which will be reached in time for tea.

Leaving Southsea on July 28th, the cars will make the return journey through Bishop's Waltham, Alton, Farnham, over the Hogsback, with its panoramic view of the Surrey Hills, and beyond to the Sussex Downs, and thence to Guildford, where luncheon will be served at the Angel Hotel; the party will reach London about 4.30 p.m.

Messrs. G. B. (Motor Tours), Ltd., 101, Regent Street, W.1, who are arranging the cars and luncheons, will use only cars which are convertible at will from open tourers to all-weather saloons. The price of a ticket for the return journey, including luncheons, will be 45s. (Accommodation for light luggage is arranged.)

ACCOMMODATION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING, PORTSMOUTH, 1923.

THE Hotels and Lodgings Committee wishes to impress on members the advisability of making their arrangements as early as possible. Most of the hotels are unwilling to reserve rooms as the end of July is the height of the season, and the week following that of the Meeting being Goodwood Week there is then a great demand for accommodation. *Direct, early, and definite booking is therefore urgently advised.*

A list of Hotels and Pensions is appended. A list of Private Lodgings has also been prepared.

The Honorary Secretary of the Committee will arrange to place visitors if they so wish and if they will let him know exactly what accommodation they require. He will also be pleased to answer any inquiries.

Applications, etc., should be sent to Dr. H. Farncombe, 56, Clarence Parade, Southsea.

HOTELS.

	Bed, Breakfast, and Attendance.	Full Pension Terms— Per Day.	Per Week. £ s. d.
Grosvenor Hotel, Western Parade, Southsea	10/6	18/-	5 5 0
Royal Beach Hotel, South Parade, Southsea	12/-	18/-	6 6 0
Royal Pier Hotel, Southsea	15/-	16/6 to 18/-	5 15 6 to 6 6 0
These are three of the largest hotels, and have an uninterrupted view of the sea.			
George Hotel, High Street, Portsmouth	8/6	18/-	5 5 0
Keppel's Head Hotel, The Hard, Portsmouth	11/6	21/-	5 15 6
Portland Hotel, Kent Road, Southsea	10/-	17/6	5 15 6
These are good hotels but are situated in the town.			
Grand Central Hotel, Commercial Road, Portsmouth	10/6	17/6	6 6 0
Sussex Hotel, Town Hall Square, Portsmouth	8/6	13/-	4 4 0
Victoria Hotel, Hampshire Terrace, Southsea	8/6	—	—
Washington Commercial Hotel, Pearl Buildings, Portsmouth	7/6	—	3 3 0
These are commercial hotels but are situated close to the Municipal College, where the Sections will meet. Other hotels are:			
Parade Hotel, Clarence Parade, Southsea	8/6	—	—
Totterdell's Hotel, Portsmouth ...	11/6	21/-	5 15 6

PRIVATE HOTELS AND PENSIONS.

Beach Towers Private Hotel, St. Helens Parade, Southsea	12/6	—	4 4 0
Carlton Hotel, Western Parade, Southsea	From 8/6	15/-	4 4 0
Eversfield Hotel, Clarence Parade, Southsea	8/6	12/6 to 21/-	3 3 0 to 5 5 0
Gladstone House Hotel, 1, Clarence Parade, Southsea	8/-	From 12/6	3 13 6
Glenlyon Private Hotel, 38, Clarence Parade, Southsea	7/6	15/6	4 14 6
Sandringham Hotel, Osborne Road, Southsea	—	15/-	4 4 0
Solent House Private Hotel, 15 to 17, South Parade, Southsea	8/6	12/6	4 4 0
Strathern Mansions Hotel, South Parade, Southsea	8/6	13/6 to 21/-	4 4 0 to 5 5 0
Alberta, 19 and 20, Western Parade, Southsea	7/6	12/6	4 4 0
Brooklyn House, Eastern Villas Road, Southsea	From 7/6	10/6 to 12/-	3 13 6 to 4 4 0
Corinthian House, Western Parade, Southsea	6/-	10/-	2 12 6
Hammond, 7, Southsea Terrace, Southsea	7/6	10/6	3 3 0
Highcroft, 24 and 25, South Parade, Southsea	9/-	12/6	4 4 0
Mount Vernon, 15, Western Parade, Southsea	6/6	10/6	2 15 0 to 3 3 0
Pendragon, Clarence Parade, Southsea	7/6	14/-	4 4 0
Somerset, 16, Western Parade, Southsea	8/6	12/6	3 13 6
Vermont, 21, South Parade, Southsea		10/-	3 10 0
These private hotels and pensions are all within view of the sea.			
Miss M. Urquhart, 33, Nightingale Road, Southsea	6/-	9/-	3 3 0
Rockleaze, 46, Nightingale Road, Southsea	6/-	9/-	3 3 0
These two houses are within a few minutes' walk of the sea.			

A LIST of periodical publications, official reports, and Blue Books in the Library of the British Medical Association available for issue to members on loan has been printed, and copies can be obtained free on application to the Librarian at the house of the Association, 429, Strand, W.C.2. The regulations governing the loan of these publications are stated in the introduction to the list. The Library is open for consultation from 10 a.m. till 6.30 p.m. (on Saturdays 10 a.m. till 2 p.m.).

Association Notices.

NOTICES OF MOTION BY DIVISIONS FOR THE ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, PORTSMOUTH, 1923.

Notification of Births.

By KINGSTON-ON-THAMES:

That as the responsibility for notification of a birth falls ultimately on the professional attendant at the birth, the Council be instructed to consider the desirability of steps being taken with a view to securing that a fee of 2s. 6d. should be paid for each such notification.

Fees for Medical Examination of Emigrants.

By KINGSTON-ON-THAMES:

That this meeting, while supporting the scale of fees for medical examination of emigrants, recommended by Council (see para. 127 of Annual Report), instructs the Council to consider the desirability of steps being taken with a view to securing that the Government, or organization acting on its behalf, should be responsible for the examining doctor's fee, and not the emigrant himself.

By YORK:

That the Recommendation contained in para. 127 of the Annual Report of Council be amended by the substitution of "5s." for "2s. 6d." in respect of the medical examination of children of emigrants.

Industrial Life Assurance and Mileage Fees for Medical Examiners.

By YORK:

That the Recommendation contained in para. 129 of the Annual Report of Council be referred back to the Council.

Hospital Policy; Medical Staff Funds.

By CROYDON:

That the third Recommendation in para. 193 of the Annual Report of Council be amended by the insertion of the words "in excess of cost of maintenance and hospital treatment" between the words "payments" and "should be passed" in the eighth and ninth lines.

Midwives and Use of Opium and Pituitrin.

By GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD:

That (with reference to para. 130 of the Annual Report of Council) the protest against the use of opium and pituitrin by midwives be renewed and, furthermore, that this meeting is of opinion that the administration of *any* drugs by midwives, except under the direction of a doctor, is fraught with danger to the public.

Fees for Medical Practitioners called in on the Advice of Midwives.

By GREENWICH AND DEPTFORD:

That (with reference to para. 131 of the Annual Report of Council) the scale of fees for assistance at midwifery cases is inadequate and that fees more in accord with present-day charges should be pressed for.

SUGGESTED CHANGE OF AREA.

Proposed Transfer of Civil Parish of Settle from Lancaster Division of North Lancashire and South Westmorland Branch to Leeds Division of Yorkshire Branch.

NOTICE is hereby given to all concerned of the following proposal made by Leeds Division:

That the Civil Parish of Settle be transferred from the Lancaster Division of the North Lancashire and South Westmorland Branch to the Leeds Division of the Yorkshire Branch.

Written notice of the proposal has been given to the above-named Divisions and Branches, and to the Bradford Division, and the matter will be determined in due course by the Council. Any member affected by the proposed change and objecting thereto is requested to write, giving the reason therefor, to the Medical Secretary, 429, Strand, London, W.C.2, not later than July 2nd, 1923.

COUNCIL ELECTION.

THE names of the members already declared elected to the Council for 1923–24 in respect of the eighteen groups of Branches in which there were no contests were published in the SUPPLEMENT of May 12th, 1923 (p. 190). The following is the detailed result of the voting in the two groups where a contest took place:

Aberdeen, Dundee, Northern Counties, and Perth Branches.

The candidates here were Dr. David Lawson of Banchory and Dr. Geo. W. Miller, D.S.O., of Dundee. Of the 522 voting papers issued, 225 were returned, of which 2 were spoilt. 115 of the remaining 223 were in favour of Dr. Lawson and 108 in favour of Dr. Miller. Dr. Lawson is therefore elected.

Metropolitan Counties Branch.

The voting paper in this contest contained the names of nine candidates for the four vacancies. The voting was on the single transferable vote system and the following workings have been verified by the Proportional Representation Society. 3,066 voting papers were issued, 928 being returned. Of these 42 were spoilt for various reasons—for example, no signature of voter, marking of more than one name with a **x** instead of the figures 1, 2, 3, etc., and placing the same figure opposite more than one name. There being 886 valid votes, the quota was 178—that is, 886 divided by 5 (one more than the number of vacancies), *plus* 1. The result of the first count was:

Dr. H. S. Beadles	149	
Dr. A. Blackhall-Morison	41	
Dr. Chas. Buttar	122	
Mr. N. Bishop Harman	94	
Dr. G. Grant Macdonald	52	
Lord Dawson of Penn	204	Elected
Dr. Wm. Paterson	46	
Dr. G. Clark Trotter	160	
Lieut.-Colonel T. S. Beauchamp Williams	18	
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Lord Dawson's votes exceeding the quota he was declared elected and it became necessary to distribute his surplus 26 votes. The whole of his 204 votes were examined, and the distribution of the 26 surplus votes according to the second preferences indicated resulted as follows:

Dr. Beadles	+ 2	151	
Dr. Blackhall-Morison	+ 4	45	
Dr. Buttar	+ 5	127	
Mr. Bishop Harman	+ 10	104	
Dr. Grant Macdonald	—	52	
Lord Dawson of Penn	− 26	178	Elected
Dr. Paterson	+ 1	47	
Dr. Trotter	+ 2	162	
Lieut.-Colonel Williams	+ 2	20	
		886	

No further candidate having secured the necessary quota of 178 votes the next step was to distribute the votes of the candidate with the lowest number (Lieut.-Colonel Beauchamp Williams), with the following result:

Dr. Beadles	+ 2	153	
Dr. Blackhall-Morison	—	45	
Dr. Buttar	+ 4	131	
Mr. Bishop Harman	+ 6	110	
Dr. Grant Macdonald	—	52	
Lord Dawson of Penn	—	178	Elected
Dr. Paterson	+ 2	49	
Dr. Trotter	+ 2	164	
Lieut.-Colonel Williams	− 20	—	
Non-transferable papers	+ 4	4	
		886	

There still being no second candidate with the necessary quota of 178 the votes of the next lowest candidate (Dr. Blackhall-Morison) were distributed according to the next available preference, and the result was:

Dr. Beadles	+ 1	154	
Dr. Blackhall-Morison	− 45	—	
Dr. Buttar	+ 12	143	
Mr. Bishop Harman	+ 17	127	
Dr. Grant Macdonald	+ 2	54	
Lord Dawson of Penn	—	178	Elected
Dr. Paterson	+ 1	50	
Dr. Trotter	+ 4	168	
Lieut.-Colonel Williams	—	—	
Non-transferable papers	+ 8	12	
		886	

Again no second candidate succeeded in securing the quota, and Dr. Paterson's votes were distributed, when the result was:

Dr. Beadles	+ 5	159	
Dr. Blackhall-Morison	—	—	
Dr. Buttar	+ 8	151	
Mr. Bishop Harman	+ 19	146	
Dr. Grant Macdonald	+ 9	63	
Lord Dawson of Penn	—	178	Elected
Dr. Paterson	− 50	—	
Dr. Trotter	+ 1	169	
Lieut.-Colonel Williams	—	—	
Non-transferable papers	+ 8	20	
		886	

It now became necessary to distribute the votes of Dr. Grant Macdonald, with the following result:

Dr. Beadles	+ 20	179	Elected
Dr. Blackhall-Morison	—	—	
Dr. Buttar	+ 7	158	
Mr. Bishop Harman	+ 14	160	Elected
Dr. Grant Macdonald	− 63	—	
Lord Dawson of Penn	—	178	Elected
Dr. Paterson	—	—	
Dr. Trotter	+ 9	178	Elected
Lieut.-Colonel Williams	—	—	
Non-transferable papers	+ 13	33	
		886	

It will be seen that Dr. Beadles had now secured one more than the quota and Dr. Trotter exactly the quota, so that both were declared elected. Neither of the two remaining candidates (Dr. Buttar and Mr. Bishop Harman) having received the necessary quota of votes, the candidate with the higher number (Mr. Bishop Harman) was declared elected.

SCOTTISH COMMITTEE.

ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES, 1923–24.

THIRTEEN members of the Scottish Committee of the British Medical Association are to be elected by the Scottish Divisions, grouped as follows:

	No. of Representatives.
Group I.—The Divisions in the Aberdeen and Northern Counties Branches	2
Group II.—The Divisions in the Dundee, Fife, Perth, and Stirling Branches	2
Group III.—The Divisions in the Edinburgh Branch, and the Dumfries and Galloway Division	3
Group IV.—The Glasgow City Divisions	3
Group V.—The remaining Divisions in the Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch	3

Nominations may be made (*a*) by a Division, or (*b*) by three Members in a group. The election, in cases of contest, will be by postal vote of the members in each group.

Forms for nomination may be obtained from the Scottish Medical Secretary, 6, Rutland Square, Edinburgh, and must be returned to him not later than June 18th.

TABLE OF DATES.

June 2, Sat.	Publication in SUPPLEMENT of results of Council elections by grouped Branches.
June 2, Sat.	Nomination papers available at Head Office for election of 12 Members of Council by grouped Home Representatives.
June 8, Fri.	Names of Representatives and Deputy Representatives to be received at Head Office by this date.
June 13, Wed.	Council Meeting, 429, Strand, 10 a.m.
June 23, Sat.	Supplementary Report of Council appears in SUPPLEMENT.
July 6, Fri.	Amendments and Riders for Annual Representative Meeting Agenda to be received at Head Office by this date.
July 20, Fri.	Annual Representative Meeting, Portsmouth.
July 20, Fri.	Nominations for election of 12 Members of Council by grouped Representatives to be received (at A.R.M., Portsmouth) by this date.
July 21, Sat.	Annual Representative Meeting, Portsmouth.
July 23, Mon.	Council Meeting, Portsmouth.
July 23, Mon.	Annual Representative Meeting, Portsmouth.
July 23, Mon.	Election Returns Committee, Portsmouth.
July 24, Tues.	Annual Representative Meeting. Annual General Meeting, Portsmouth, President's Address.
July 24, Tues.	Election Returns Committee, Portsmouth.
July 25, Wed.	Council Meeting, Portsmouth. Conference of Honorary Secretaries, Portsmouth.
July 25, Wed.	Meetings of Sections, etc., Portsmouth.
July 26, Thurs.	Meetings of Sections, etc., Portsmouth.
July 27, Fri.	Meetings of Sections, etc., Portsmouth.

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: BIRMINGHAM CENTRAL DIVISION.—A meeting of the Birmingham Central Division will be held at Room 16, 18, Bennett's Hill, Birmingham, on Tuesday, June 5th, at 3.30 p.m. Business: Election of Representatives. Instructions to Representatives. Dr. Shipsey has given notice of his intention to bring before the meeting certain questions connected with hospital administration in Birmingham. If necessary the meeting will be adjourned to a date to be agreed on at the meeting.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the East York and North Lincoln Branch will be held on Wednesday, June 20th, in Powolny's Banqueting Rooms, Hull, at 1 p.m. Business: To receive (1) Report of the election of new officers, who shall thereupon take office, (2) Report of the Council on the affairs of the Branch, and the annual financial statement. All nominations must be in the hands of the Secretary not later than

Wednesday, May 30th. On the conclusion of the business, there will be a luncheon, tickets for which may be obtained from the Secretary. Subsequently the President (Dr. Turton) will deliver his inaugural address on "Observations on the Workmen's Compensation Act," after which a golf match is being arranged. The President will entertain the members to tea in the pavilion on the Hull golf course.

EDINBURGH BRANCH.--The annual meeting of this Branch will be held at North Berwick on Wednesday, June 27th. The Honorary Secretary of the Lothians Division, with the assistance of his North Berwick colleagues, has undertaken the local arrangements, as follows: 12.30 p.m., luncheon at the Royal Hotel (charge 4s.). 1.30 p.m., the Town Council of North Berwick have granted the courtesy of the East (Corporation) Golf Course and their tennis courts. The courtesy of the bowling green has also been arranged for. Members are invited by the Town Council to visit the newly established meteorological station at 3.30 p.m. The annual competition of the Branch Golf Club will by the courtesy of the New Club take place on the famous West Links, the first couple to play off at 1.30 p.m. sharp. There will be a motor excursion to Dirleton, Gullane, Binning Woods *via* Whitekirk, etc. Dr. Cameron, Medical Superintendent, will welcome members desirous of seeing over the South-Eastern Counties Sanatorium at East Fortune; practitioners will thus be afforded an excellent opportunity of seeing this new institution. If it is wet after lunch, rooms will be available in the hotel for members—billiards, etc. At 4.15 p.m., the President-Elect will entertain the members to tea at the North Berwick High School. 4.45 p.m., Business Meeting in the High School. Agenda: Report of Branch Council including annual reports of Branch and of Divisions, Treasurer's annual report, election of office-bearers 1923-24. Presentation of golf competition prizes. Report of election of representative for 1923-24 for the Edinburgh and Fife Branches. Election to annual vacancy on the Board of Management of the Queen Mary Nursing Home. Branch Council nominate Dr. W. R. Martine. The Local Voluntary Hospital Committee for the Lothians and Peebles. Proceedings of Scottish Committee. Correspondence from Medical Secretary. Annual Report of Council and Annual Representative Meeting.

KENT BRANCH.—The tenth annual meeting of the Kent Branch will be held at Bromley on Thursday, June 14th. Agenda: (*a*) Receive report of election of officers for 1923-24, who will thereupon take office. (*b*) Report of Branch Council and annual financial statement; appoint auditor; any other business. The Council of the Branch will meet in the morning. 1.0 p.m., the President-Elect kindly invites members to lunch at the Royal Bell Hotel, Bromley. 2.15 p.m., annual business meeting at the Royal Bell Hotel, after which Dr. A. Tennyson Smith, will give his Presidential Address on: "The Kent Branch—its Past and its Future." 3.30 p.m., cars will be provided for a visit to the Chislehurst Caves, after which Dr. Sidney Forsdike invites members to tea at "Bonnington," Bickley. Members preferring to go at once to Dr. Forsdike's for tennis, croquet or clock golf, instead of visiting the caves are requested to notify their intention beforehand. 6.30 p.m., Branch dinner at the Royal Bell Hotel, price 7s. 6d. Wine and smokes will be kindly provided by the Bromley Division. Members intending to be present are requested to notify, by post-card, to Dr. H. Chisholm Will, 4, High Street, Bromley, not later than Monday, June 11th, whether they will be present at all or which of the following: (*a*) luncheon, (*b*) excursion, (*c*) dinner.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: HYDE DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Hyde Division will be held in Hyde Town Hall on Thursday, June 7th, at 4 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at 429, Strand, W.C., on Friday, June 22nd, at 4 p.m. Business: (1) Report of scrutineers as to the election of new officers; (2) Annual Report of Council; (3) President's address by Dr. Charles Sanders, entitled "Some Sanitary Advantages of Social Amenities." At this meeting it is proposed to present parchment certificates to the winners of the Association prizes awarded to "last year" students for essays on "The diagnosis and treatment of jaundice arising from obstruction of the larger bile ducts."

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A special meeting of the City Division, to which all medical practitioners resident in the area are invited, will be held in the Council Chamber of the Shoreditch Town Hall, on Friday, June 1st, at 9.15 p.m., to discuss what action should be taken with reference to M.10 (revised), regarding the organization of insurance practitioners in the consideration and in the event of a refusal of the terms offered by the Government for National Health Insurance work. Dr. G. C. Anderson, Deputy Medical Secretary, will give an address on the National Health Insurance situation. There will be an open discussion.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—The adjourned annual meeting of the Willesden Division will be held at the Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, at 9 p.m., on Wednesday, June 20th, to continue consideration of the Report of the Council and other matters contained in the SUPPLEMENTS up to that date. Refreshments will be available.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: NORTH SUFFOLK DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the North Suffolk Division will be held at Lowestoft Hospital on Friday, June 8th, at 4 p.m. Agenda: Election of officers; consideration of motions and amendments for the Annual Representative Meeting; any other business.

SUSSEX BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Brighton Division will be held at the Dispensary, Queen's Road, Brighton, on Tuesday June 5th, at 8.30 p.m. As business of great interest and of the utmost importance to every member of the profession will be transacted, members are requested to make a special efforts to be present. Agenda: Election of officers and committees; annual report of Executive Committee; consideration of Annual Report of Council and instructions to Representatives. To the recommendations contained in paras. 65-74 and 244-258, the Executive Committee proposes the following as amendments:

> That, whilst approving that the Branches and Divisions within the United Kingdom be urged to use the facilities at present existing under the constitution for securing the co-operation of members of the whole-time Public Health Service in the medico-political work of the Association by election on to all its governing bodies (central and local), this Representative Body cannot approve that alterations should be made in the constitution which would secure for certain of its members dual facilities for voting and representation.
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> That the Council be instructed to consider and report what additional facilities, if any, it considers could be provided for representation of approved medical societies in the United Kingdom on its various governing bodies.

A special meeting of the Division will be held on Tuesday, June 12th, at the Dispensary, Queen's Road, Brighton, at 8.30 p.m., when Dr. C. K. Clarke, Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Toronto, Medical Director of the Canadian National Council for Mental Hygiene, Maudsley Lecturer 1923, will deliver a lecture on the work of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene in Canada and its international importance.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: HUDDERSFIELD DIVISION.--The annual picnic of the Huddersfield Division will take place on Thursday, June 7th. The charabanc will leave York Place at 1 p.m. for Ripon, and should arrive at Fountains Abbey about 3.15 p.m. Studley Royal Church and Park and Fountains Abbey will be visited; admission 1s. a head. The party will proceed to the Spa Hotel, Ripon, for dinner at 6 p.m.; price 6s. a head, wines extra. The return journey will be commenced at 7.30 p.m., arriving at Huddersfield at 10 p.m. If wet, the party will have the opportunity of visiting places of interest in Ripon. The return fare for those travelling by charabanc will be 8s. 6d. a head. Dr. McCully, 51, New North Road (telephone Huddersfield 813), will be in charge of the arrangements, and members are requested to notify him as soon as possible as to the number of their party and whether they propose going by charabanc or in their own cars. Arrangements must be completed for the dinner by Saturday, June 2nd.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: AYRSHIRE DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Ayrshire Division was held on May 4th, when the office-bearers for the year were elected as follows:

Chairman, Dr. J. Aitken (Kilmarnock). *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. J. Jack (Kilwinning). *Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. W. F. Brown (Ayr). *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. A. Young (Ayr). *Deputy Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. F. McKenna (Ayr). *County Maternity and Child Welfare:* Dr. G. D. McRae (Ayr).

The Model Rules of Organization were adopted.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: BLACKBURN DIVISION.

AT the annual meeting of the Blackburn Division, held at the Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, on May 15th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman, Dr. Bowes *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Daley. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. Shearer. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. James Craig. *Deputy Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. Orme.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of the City Division was held at the Public Library, Holloway Road, on May 8th, with Dr. H. L. HANDS in the chair, when Dr. T. H. G. SHORE, pathologist to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, showed the following pathological specimens with an epitome of the history and clinical aspect in such of the cases as were seen before death.

(1) Specimen of oesophageal pouch from an elderly man admitted for a prostatectomy who died from a post-operative ascending nephritis. The oesophageal pouch, which was situated rather to the right of the middle line and behind, had given no symptoms beyond occasional vomiting of small quantities of the first portion of a meal without warning. The pouch was probably congenital in origin. (2) Lung from a one year old child, showing marked acute interstitial emphysema anteriorly. Bronchopneumonia was present posteriorly, due to partial obstruction of the bronchi by diphtheritic membrane. The emphysema was probably due to violent respiratory efforts. (3) A specimen of atrophy of the appendix—no history. (4) Mass of mesenteric glands from a child suffering from general miliary tuberculosis, showing very markedly distended mesenteric lymphatics. The child had not had any marked diarrhoea, and died from tuberculous meningitis. (5) A specimen of multiple senile aneurysms of the abdominal aorta and iliac arteries from a man aged 82 years. One large aneurysm was situated just above the bifurcation of the aorta and there were aneurysms of both iliac arteries. The cause of death in this case was due to rupture of the aneurysm situated in the abdominal aorta. The patient was seized with sudden abdominal pain and was brought in moribund. The thoracic aorta was quite normal, and as far as could be told from *post-mortem* appearances there was no evidence histologically of syphilis. (6) Two sections of a liver and one of a spleen, all from the same case, showing macroscopic lymphadenoma in a man of 52 years of age who had suffered from general lassitude and malaise. There were enlarged glands in the neck, axillae and groins, and the patient suffered for some time with intermittent attacks of high fever. He died from bronchopneumonia. On *post-mortem* examination large masses of glands were found in the thorax.

The following Representatives were elected to attend the Annual Representative Meeting, 1923: Drs. Ross, Thomas, and Worley. Drs. Dixon, Hamill, and Jackson were elected Deputy Representatives.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Shore and to the Chairman.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Lewisham Division was held on May 15th, when Dr. T. E. WHITE occupied the chair. The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Dr. Jas. Gilchrist. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. F. A. Beattie. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. C. J. B. Buchan. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. T. E. White.

Dr. F. A. Beattie agreed to accept nomination for the London Panel Committee.

Mr. J. F. O'MALLEY, Surgeon, Throat and Ear Department, University College Hospital, delivered an address on common diseases of the nose and nasal sinuses. Epistaxis, he said, was frequent in cases which showed venules over the malar region; it occurred usually high up on the septum and was treated by packing with adrenaline gauze until the alae nasi bulged. If a patient brought up a small quantity of dark blood—up to a teaspoonful—in the morning, it usually came from a nasal source. Foreign bodies were frequently found in the nose in children but rarely in adults. Folliculitis was treated with ung. hydrarg. ox. flav. and painted daily with 1/2 per cent. hydrarg. perchlor. in alcohol. Vaccines were often helpful. People with ample nasal air space rarely caught colds and soon recovered if they did fall victims. Frequent colds meant nasal obstruction. Deflected septum was a frequent cause; the mucous membranes changed and spaces were narrowed, rarefaction occurred behind the obstruction and hyperaemia resulted; the turbinate bones enlarged on the concave side of a deflected septum, as Nature tried to compensate. Adenoids were not the sole cause of mouth breathing in children; enlarged turbinates also caused it. Atrophic rhinitis was more common in females; it was incurable, as the turbinates receded and shrunk; the sense of smell was destroyed and the patients themselves did not notice the offensive odour, which was relieved by being painted daily with 25 per cent. glucose in an equal part of glycerin. Sinus disease usually cured itself in a well ventilated nose, unless it was due to an infected tooth, when, of course, the tooth should be removed.

On the motion of Dr. WHITE, seconded by Dr. CHARSLEY, a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. O'Malley.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: MORPETH DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Morpeth Division was held on April 27th. Rules of Organization and the Revised Ethical Rules were adopted, and the following officers were appointed:

Chairman, Geo. R. Spencer, M.B. (Ashington). *Vice-Chairman*, J. P. Philip, O.B.E., M.D. (Morpeth). *Honorary Secretary*, Frank Beaton, M.D. (Lintonville, Ashington). *Representative in Representative Body* (Blyth and Morpeth), Dr. James Anderson (Seaton Delaval).

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Division was held under the chairmanship of Dr. HAROLD KERR, O.B.E., at the Royal Victoria Infirmary. on May 3rd for the purpose of hearing an address on medical defence work by Dr. JAMES NEAL, General Secretary of the Medical Defence Union.

Dr. Neal explained the scope of medical defence work, pointing out that it included not only the defence of the individual member when his professional work or character was called in question, but also the suppression of unqualified practice and unprofessional conduct. Everyone engaged in medical practice was, he said, liable to false charges of professional incapacity, and if the practitioner had to defend himself, he might, even if successful, find himself left to pay his own costs if the plaintiff should prove to be a man of straw. Membership of the Medical Defence Union was a complete protection against financial loss, and experience showed that 90 per cent. of the purely frivolous actions collapsed when the Union appeared on the scene. Dr. Neal pointed out how many difficulties could be avoided by simple precautions, and quoted a number of cases illustrative of the effective help rendered by the Medical Defence Union to its members. Other points touched upon were professional secrecy, libel and slander, the position and duty of the medical witness. The address was listened to with great interest, and at the close a number of questions were asked and replied to. A hearty vote of thanks to Dr. Neal concluded the proceedings.

The British Medical Association prize of £10 for the best essay on the "The diagnosis and treatment of jaundice arising from obstruction of the larger bile ducts," was presented to Mr. J. A. Arnold Stobbs, a Durham undergraduate, at the same meeting, together with a cheque for £5 from the Branch Council, to signalize the importance of the prize being won by a Durham student.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: WINCHESTER DIVISION.

AT the annual meeting of the Winchester Division held at the George Hotel, on May 10th, the following officers were elected:

Chairman, Dr. W. A. Bruce Young. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. J. L. Livingston. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. Gerald A. Smythe. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. Livingston. *Deputy Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. Bruce Young.

On the motion of Dr. LYSTER, seconded by Dr. PAYNE, it was unanimously resolved:

> That it be an instruction to the Representative of the Winchester Division to support in every possible way the recommendations of the Council concerning the salaries scale of medical officers of health, and the proposed new inter-relationships between the M.O.H. Society and the British Medical Association.

The revised rules governing procedure in ethical matters were adopted on the motion of Dr. LIVINGSTON, seconded by Dr. ENGLAND.

SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the South-Eastern of Ireland Branch was held in the Imperial Hotel, Kilkenny, on May 2nd. Dr. PATRICK PHELAN (Callan), the outgoing President, occupied the chair.

The following were unanimously elected to hold office until next annual meeting:

President, Dr. Magner (Clonmel). *President-Elect*, Dr. W. J. Phelan (Kilkenny). *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. P. Grace (Kilkenny). *Honorary Treasurer*, Dr. Jellett (Waterford). *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. W. J. Phelan (Kilkenny). *Deputy Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. Patrick Phelan (Callan). *Representative on Irish Committee*, Dr. A. B. Stephenson (Kilkenny).

On the motion of Dr. O'GORMAN, seconded by Dr. PHELAN, Dr. Denis Walshe was unanimously nominated to represent the groups on the Council of the Association.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of the Croydon Division was held at Croydon General Hospital on May 16th, when Dr. J. A. RICHARDS was in the chair. The meeting discussed Division Rules of Organization and resolved to adopt them with a few alterations. The Annual Report of the Council, published in the SUPPLEMENT of April 28th, was discussed and instructions given to the Representative. With regard to the amendment to the recommendation on p. 144 (para. 32 to be 33), it was resolved that the words "in excess of cost of maintenance and hospital treatment" be inserted between "payments" and "should be passed" on line 9 of the recommendation.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: HARROGATE DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Harrogate Division was held at the Imperial Café on May 17th, when Dr. GREENWOOD was in the chair. The Division Model Rules of Organization were adopted, and the Annual Report of Council was considered and discussed. The meeting unanimously approved of the recommendation of Council that Mr. J. Basil Hall be elected President of the Association for 1924-25. Regarding medical ethics, it was agreed that no alteration should be made to Rule 10. The meeting decided that the policy of the Insurance Acts Committee should be supported. The report on the hospital policy of the Association was discussed, and the Representative was instructed to support the Brighton Division's amendment with reference to para. 32 of the report of the hospital policy of the Association.

Dr. MAIR explained the policy of the Association and Society of Medical Officers of Health in regard to the public health medical service. The meeting unanimously approved of the policy, and also endorsed the policy of the Darlington Division in asking for £1,200 as the commencing salary for the new medical officer of health for the North Riding of Yorkshire.

The annual report and financial statement of the Division were read by the Secretary and approved. The following officers were elected for 1923-4:

Chairman, Mr. H. G. Frankling, C.B.E. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. I. D. Mackay. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. A. C. Sharp. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. W. D'Oyly Grange. *Deputy Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. L. C. E. Calthrop.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual general meeting of the Wiltshire Branch was held at Salisbury on May 9th, when the President, Dr. J. GORDON, was in the chair.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Dr. Maurice. *President-Elect*, Dr. Shorland. *Vice-Presidents*, Drs. Flemming, Haydon and Kempe. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. Bond. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. Flemming. *Deputy Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. J. Gordon.

The Secretary read a letter from Dr. Wood-Hill expressing his thanks to the Branch for their assistance and support. On the question of mileage for inquests, the Secretary announced that he had communicated with the County Council in accordance with the resolution of June 22nd, 1922, and that the Council had resolved that no action be taken.

Dr. Cox, Medical Secretary, gave an address on "The Medical Profession in the Melting-pot," in which he contrasted the lot of the medical man of to-day with that of his predecessor, and contended that he was better off financially and socially, and better organized. He pointed out that the doctor was now more in contact with State and local authorities than formerly, and that there was a general improvement in the public health. He spoke at some length of the National Insurance Acts, and stated that the prospects of a satisfactory agreement being concluded at the end of the year were better than they were a few weeks ago. Questions were asked by many of the audience and answered by Dr. Cox, and at the conclusion, on the motion of Dr. J. GORDON, seconded by Dr. HAYDON, it was unanimously resolved:

> That this meeting approves of the action taken by the Insurance Acts Committee as regards negotiations, and has every confidence in the Committee and the Medical Secretary.

At the request of Dr. Haydon, the Secretary announced that a meeting would be held at Marlborough, on June 16th, when a paper on intestinal obstruction would be read. At the conclusion of the meeting, tea was provided by the kindness of Dr. J. Gordon.

GENERAL COUNCIL
OF
MEDICAL EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION.

SUMMER SESSION, 1923.

THE one hundred and seventeenth session of the General Medical Council was opened at the offices of the Council, 44, Hallam Street, London, W., on Tuesday, May 29th. The Senior Treasurer (Mr. H. J. WARING) took the chair.

The CHAIRMAN welcomed two new members—Sir William Leslie Mackenzie, Crown nominee for Scotland, and Dr. W. L. H. Duckworth, representative of the University of Cambridge.

Sir NORMAN WALKER reported that an intimation had been received of the reappointment of Sir Donald MacAlister, K.C.B., M.D., as representative of the University of Glasgow for a period of five years, and moved the re-election of Sir Donald MacAlister to be President of the Council for a fifth period. Sir JOHN MOORE seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Sir DONALD MACALISTER then took the chair, and proceeded to read what had been prepared by him as a report on the work of the Council since the November session, and now became his Presidential address.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Sir DONALD MACALISTER said: Gentlemen,—As happened in the year 1918, on the day preceding the opening of the session I had completed the further term for which you elected me as your President. My colleagues of the Executive Committee, which met yesterday, thought that it would not be out of order if I prepared for you, not a Presidential address, but a "communication," setting forth the chief events with which the ex-President has had to deal on your behalf since we last met.

Now, by your indulgent favour, I am permitted to occupy again the chair in which you first placed me nearly nineteen years ago, and my "communication" becomes officially my address. You will need no assurance of the high value I attach to the long continued trust you have placed in me, and have to-day renewed. My interest in the work of the Council is as keen now as it was thirty-four years ago, when I first joined its membership. After being half my lifetime in its service, it were indeed my own fault if long experience had not taught me some lessons, whereby that interest might be directed into useful channels, and my co-operation with you, my able and esteemed colleagues, be rendered less ineffective. But a time comes to all of us when waning strength has to be balanced against even keen interest and long experience; and if you had judged that this time had come for me, I should have accepted your judgement with cheerfulness and with a grateful sense of relief. But there is apparently no age limit for Presidents, although Parliament has lately sanctioned an age limit for Principals. I accept therefore, your invitation to enter, at least, upon another lustre of responsible duty in the chair, encouraged by this fresh proof, among many proofs, of your kindness, and strengthened by the assurance of your constant and considerate support in my efforts on the Council's behalf.

Some Personal Appreciations.

The General Medical Council, as you are aware, stands in a special relation to the Privy Council. In some matters the approval of the Privy Council is necessary to make our decisions operative. In others our decisions are subject to an appeal to the Privy Council. It regulates our elections, and it advises the Crown concerning the appointment by His Majesty in Council of five members and three additional members. It applies to British possessions and foreign countries the part of the Medical Act, 1886, which makes professional reciprocity possible. Lastly, if in anything the Medical Council neglects its duty, the Privy Council may formally direct that the duty *shall* be performed; and in default of obedience, the Privy Council may itself "exercise any power or do any act or thing vested in or authorized to be done by the General Council." Our minutes, the reports of our inspectors of examinations, our resolutions for the recognition of colonial and foreign diplomas, and others of our *Acta*, are accordingly submitted officially to the Privy Council, in order that its statutory power of supervision may be conveniently exercised. Our regular work thus brings us into constant and intimate association with the Privy Council Office, and in particular with the Clerk of the Council as head of its administrative staff. Sir Almeric FitzRoy has held that responsible position since 1898, and his retirement from office, on the ground of age, is announced to take place in June. In all the twenty years during which it has been my privilege to take counsel with him on the Council's business, he has never failed to accord me his wise and sympathetic assistance, or to manifest his understanding interest in the Council's activities and in their bearings on public and professional welfare. I have had the like testimony from my predecessor in the chair, Sir William Turner, and from many other colleagues on the Council. His membership of various Departmental Committees and Royal Commissions, such as those on physical deterioration, midwives, venereal diseases, and the Dentists Act, has made him familiar with the subject-matter of medical and dental problems which concern the Council, and has enabled him to make from his own knowledge and experience important contributions to their solution. The Council, I am convinced, will be unwilling to witness his retirement, from an office in which he has rendered such signal aid to medical and dental administration, without joining me in a cordial expression of the value we set on his public services, and of our good wishes for his health and well-being when freed from official cares.

In the membership of the Council itself one change has occurred. Professor Hopkins, on the expiry of his five years' term, retires owing to the pressure of his scientific and educational duties at Cambridge. The University has in his place elected Dr. W. L. H. Duckworth, Fellow of Jesus College, and Reader in Human Anatomy, whom in your name I welcome as an old friend and fellow teacher at Cambridge, and as a kinsman of our treasurer for many years, Sir Dyce Duckworth. We have had the opportunity of offering the right hand of fellowship to Sir Leslie Mackenzie, as Crown member for Scotland, whose introduction last session had to be postponed owing to an illness from which he has now happily recovered.

The Council will have shared the satisfaction felt throughout the profession, and in Scotland especially, on the announcement that His Majesty had conferred the dignity of knighthood on our much esteemed Chairman of Business. Sir Norman Walker's valuable services to the profession of medicine, and in particular his enterprising and fruitful journey to India in the interest of medical education there, have deserved the fullest recognition, both from his colleagues and from the Government.

India.

Lieutenant-Colonel Needham, who, at Sir Norman's suggestion, was appointed by the Indian Government and approved by the Council as the Official Inspector of the Indian Universities and Schools of Medicine, has reported to the Executive Committee the conclusions he has drawn from his first inspection of the arrangements for the obstetric instruction of candidates who after graduation may apply for registration as medical practitioners in this country. His recommendations, touching the conditions under which recognition, for the purpose of such registration, of certain Indian medical degrees may properly continue to be granted, have been carefully considered by the Executive Committee, and will be duly reported upon at this session.

Canada.

The Executive Committee is in correspondence with the Canadian medical authorities, at Ottawa and in the several provinces, respecting certain desirable simplifications, with a view to greater uniformity, in the terms of our reciprocal agreements. The negotiations are proceeding amicably.

Dangerous Drugs Legislation.

A bill amending the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920, and in certain details the Pharmacy Act, 1868, has been the sub-

ject of considerable discussion in Parliament, and has now passed into law in an amended form. It adopts as statutory the method of calculating the percentage composition of liquid preparations prescribed in the *British Pharmacopoeia* of 1914. It mitigates the stringency of certain of the rules to be observed by registered medical practitioners in purchasing, procuring, prescribing, or dispensing the scheduled drugs. And, while it increases the penalties for criminal breach or evasion of the regulations, it offers certain fresh safeguards against the officious prosecution of offenders by inadvertence. During the passage of the measure through Parliament no communication has been made to the Council by the Government departments concerned, either on the subject of the proposed amendments, or of the alteration of the regulations made or to be made under the Acts. But members of Parliament who happen to be registered practitioners, among them our colleague Sir Sydney Russell-Wells, have taken an active part in the debates on the bill. They have succeeded in so shaping the new Act as to ensure that its provisions, while carrying out our international obligation to put down the nefarious traffic in certain dangerous drugs, shall be as little oppressive as possible to practitioners whose duty it is to employ them for beneficent purposes.

Sir George Newman's Memorandum on Medical Education.

A Government publication which has been issued within the last month deserves the special attention of the Council, the more because one of our members is its author. I refer to the memorandum on "Recent Advances in Medical Education in England" addressed by Sir George Newman to the Minister of Health. The Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry therein sets forth, with his accustomed lucidity and force, both the grounds underlying and the ideals inspiring recent movements for the improvement of professional training in medicine, dentistry, and public hygiene. He takes occasion to explain and to justify to his readers the efforts made by the Council, in its recent pronouncements, to direct professional teaching and testing towards improved methods. With a wealth of illustration and a vividness of phrase which no official report of our own could emulate, he provides the Council with a considered *apologia pro curriculis suis*, for which, without formally endorsing it in every point, the Council may fitly offer its appreciative acknowledgements. I have reason to know, from statements I have received, that Sir George's memorandum has already been found helpful and suggestive by the teaching and examining bodies who are now engaged in studying our new curricula with a view to adopting or adapting them; and further that, as an exposition of current British ideals and ideas in medical education, it has aroused much interest among the professional authorities of other countries.

The Diploma in Public Health.

Of one topic he discusses I desire to make mention here, inasmuch as it relates to a subject for which the Council has a special legal responsibility that is not in all quarters clearly apprehended. I refer to the statutory registrable Diploma in Sanitary Science, Public Health, or State Medicine, dealt with in Section 21 of the Medical Act, 1886. That diploma must by law be such as "appears to the Privy Council or to the General Council to deserve recognition in the *Medical Register*, as a diploma additional to one in medicine already registered. By an Act of 1888, moreover, passed in the year after the Medical Council had recognized and registered the first diplomas in public health, such an additional diploma was made a statutory qualification for the medical officers of health of certain large areas in this country. The law thus made the Privy Council and the General Council the joint guarantors that the registrable diploma was in fact a full and sufficient technical qualification for entering on the important civil functions devolving on such medical officers. These functions have by successive Public Health Acts been multiplied and extended. It is thus the statutory duty of the Privy Council and the General Council, jointly or severally, to see to it that the conditions on which the statutory qualifying diploma is recognized and registered are correspondingly extended. The diploma of to-day must testify that the practitioner who holds it is not merely qualified to practise medicine, but qualified by special training to fulfil all the special professional and administrative duties that to-day are imposed by statute on the medical officers of the largest civil communities in Great Britain. Naval hygiene, military hygiene, tropical hygiene, and the hygiene of British possessions and foreign countries, whose laws and usages differ from ours, are most important post-graduation studies, and in the national and Imperial interest deserve every encouragement that can be afforded by the Government and by professional authorities. Special certificates of honour may properly be instituted for those practitioners who show that they have attained proficiency in these studies. I venture to submit that the Medical Council has no statutory power to control the studies or to recognize such certificates. They concern only the medical authorities who quite properly may grant them, and they are not registrable in the *Medical Register*.

These special studies and certificates, however, are not relevant to the purpose of the statutes I have quoted. They do not bear on the qualification of whole-time medical officers of health to undertake responsible civil duty in the counties and large cities of this country.

The Council is thus under statutory obligation to ensure, by its Rules for the granting of registrable diplomas in public health, that the course of training to which they bear witness shall be specifically a training for high civil responsibility in public health administration at home. The application of the general principles of preventive medicine to medical practice, and the several special branches of collective hygiene to which I have referred, are proper subjects of study during or after the ordinary medical curriculum. But such study does not ensure the particular kinds of knowledge and experience required to qualify a practitioner for a definitely specialized career in the administrative service of a civil community in Great Britain. The course for the diploma must therefore not be modified and diverted from its primary and essential purpose, merely in order that the same diploma may conveniently afford a creditable decoration for practitioners who contemplate careers other than that of the professional medical officer of health. The Council acted on that conviction when it unanimously adopted the new Rules under Section 21 of the Act. Sir George Newman in his memorandum adduces weighty reasons of public policy in support of the Council's action. The Public Health Committee will probably present a report on certain communications suggesting modifications in the new rules, which have been referred to it for consideration. The Council will doubtless keep in mind, when dealing with such suggestions, the definite legal obligations it has to observe.

The Council's Warning Notice.

The Executive Committee has, at two of its sessions, and with the valuable help of the legal advisers, given careful consideration to the question of revising the Council's Warning Notice with respect to unprofessional advertising, direct or indirect. It has no doubt that such advertising on the part of a practitioner, for the purpose of attracting patients or procuring other professional advantages, is, in the words of Lord Justice Lopes, "reasonably regarded as disgraceful or dishonourable by his professional brethren of good repute and competency," and therefore within the Council's purview, as a domestic tribunal. But they recognize that the Warning Notice, in its present form, is not sufficiently clear and comprehensive for its purpose, in view of the facts brought before us by Dr. Bolam and others. The Committee accordingly recommends that the Notice should be amended, and be issued in the form set forth in their Report.

The Dental Board.

The Dental Board has entered on the occupation of its new premises, and has been actively engaged in completing its heavy task of "initial" registration. I learn that its disciplinary work has also been considerable. Certain cases heard before it will be submitted to you for adjudication. The Committee on Dental Education and Examination will report on the steps taken to arrange for carrying out the inspection of dental examinations which you have already authorized.

The Numbers of Medical Students and Medical Practitioners.

The rise in the number of registered medical students from 1,875 in the year 1916 to 3,420 in 1919, was succeeded by a fall to 1,808 in the year 1921. Last year (1922) the number of entrants rose slightly, notwithstanding the higher educational qualification required by some of the bodies, to 1,833. It is still some 400 above the entries for 1912 and 1913. Possibly it may now fall to a point approaching that of the pre-war years, as a result of the new Regulations which came into force at the beginning of this year.

The number of medical practitioners registered in 1922 was 1,984, which is 224 above the number for 1921, hitherto the highest on record. The number of names removed from the *Register*, by reason of death or otherwise, was 1,045. The result is that the total number of medical practitioners now on the *Register* is 46,477, which considerably exceeds any previous record. As the number of registrations in the Colonial List and the Foreign List has fallen considerably, it may justly be said that the wastage of the war has been much more than made up by fresh accessions to our professional ranks from the medical schools of Great Britain and Ireland.

Disciplinary Cases.

Most of your time during the present session will be spent in disciplinary inquiries into the conduct of individual practitioners, medical and dental; but I have no reason to think that your sittings will extend beyond the end of this week.

Insurance.

INSURANCE ACTS COMMITTEE.

A MEETING of the Insurance Acts Committee was held on Thursday, May 3rd, 1923, at the offices of the British Medical Association, when there were present:

Dr. H. B. Brackenbury (in the chair), Dr. R. Wallace Henry (Chairman of Representative Meetings), Dr. R. A. Bolam (Chairman of Council), Dr. T. Ridley Bailey, Dr. H. S. Beadles, Dr. G. F. Buchan, Dr. H. J. Cardale, Dr. A. E. Cope, Dr. R. W. Craig, Dr. H. G. Dain, Dr. A. Forbes, Dr. P. V. Fry, Dr. G. D. Greenfield, Dr. E. A. Gregg, Dr. G. B. Hillman, Dr. E. K. Le Fleming, Mr. E. Lewis Lilley, Dr. T. Wood Locket, Dr. R. G. McGowan, Dr. H. F. Oldham, Dr. C. H. Panting, Dr. F. Radcliffe, Dr. A. Smith, Mr. H. S. Souttar, Dr. D. Lyon Stevenson, Dr. W. E. Thomas, and Dr. J. P. Williams-Freeman.

Advertisements on the back of Certificate Forms.

The attention of the Committee having been drawn to the appearance of an advertisement of a commercial firm on the back of an official form of certificate, it was resolved to make representations to the Ministry as to the undesirability of this being allowed.

Representatives to Conference.

The Tynemouth Panel Committee has urged upon the Committee, and has also circularized all Panel Committees to a like effect, that representatives to the June Conference should be chosen from among those having the largest lists, whose stake was greatest, and to whom the loss by refusal of service would be the greatest, always recognizing that the representative chosen should have suitable qualifications as a representative other than the mere dimension of his list. The Committee, however, disagreed with this suggested limitation of the range of choice of representatives.

Fees for Anaesthetics.

The Committee considered an application for advice from the Surrey Panel Committee in respect of a claim which it had received for an anaesthetist's fee under the following circumstances:

A patient of Dr. X, suffering from metrorrhagia, was seen by a consultant before being placed on Dr. X's list. At the parents' wish, the patient was again seen by the consultant at Harley Street, who suggested a vaginal examination, under an anaesthetic, at her own home. Dr. X administered the anaesthetic.

The Committee expressed the opinion that where a service was performed at a patient's wish and by some practitioner other than the patient's doctor, the anaesthetic fee should not be allowed.

Doctors' Costs in Medical Service Subcommittee Cases.

The London Panel Committee drew attention to the fact that the Ministry had only allowed a practitioner a contribution of £5 towards the cost incurred by him in successfully appealing against a decision of the London Insurance Committee, and suggested that, in successful appeals, the whole of the costs incurred should be allowed. The Insurance Acts Committee directed that the Ministry should be asked what principle guided it in fixing the sum of £5.

Half-yearly Transfers from Practitioners' Lists.

The Committee's attention was drawn to a difficulty which is being experienced in London in the matter of half-yearly transfers, inasmuch as Clause 16 (1) of the Medical Benefit (Consolidated) Regulations, 1923 (requiring that an insured person who is accepted by a practitioner during June or December shall be included in the doctor's list as from the end of the month), appears to conflict with Clause 3 of the London Allocation Scheme, which provides that notice of an acceptance be sent to the Insurance Committee within seven days of the acceptance, and if received not later than forty-eight hours after the commencement of the quarter, the insured person would be included in the accepting doctor's list as from the commencement of the quarter and credited accordingly. The Ministry has held that where acceptances are received later than forty-eight hours after the commencement of the quarter, they should be included in the new practitioner's list as from the commencement of the quarter, the old practitioner being debited as from that date. It is contended that this procedure would tend towards inflation of the doctors' lists, inasmuch as two credits would be created for the one insured person. The London Panel Committee suggested that where acceptances of half-yearly transfers are received at a later date than forty-eight hours after the end of the half-year, it should be compulsory upon the Insurance Committee that such acceptances shall not be credited to the acceptor until the ensuing quarter. The Insurance Acts Committee agreed with this, and is making representations to this effect to the Ministry.

Local Observance of Central Agreements—Postage on Medical Record Cards.

The attention of the Committee was drawn by the London Panel Committee to the fact that the agreement entered into between the Insurance Acts Committee and the Ministry with regard to the refunding of postage on medical record cards—that is, that instead of making small payments to individual practitioners the total amount for the area should be handed over to the Panel Committee towards its expenses—had not been accepted by the London Insurance Committee, which required the consent of each individual practitioner to the new arrangement before giving effect to it. The Ministry of Health, on being appealed to by the London Panel Committee in the matter, had stated that it did not propose to interfere with the discretion of the Insurance Committee in the matter, but suggested that its attitude was based upon a misapprehension of the position.

The Insurance Acts Committee is entering a strong protest with the Ministry against the infraction by an Insurance Committee of a bargain entered into between the Insurance Acts Committee and the Ministry.

Vaccination and Preventive Treatment Generally.

The Committee gave consideration to the question as to whether, now that the new bargain with the Government was being considered, preventive treatment should be outside the insurance practitioner's agreement. It was eventually decided that it would not be in the interests of the profession to take up the line that preventive treatment should be held to be outside the terms of an insurance practitioner's agreement.

Co-operation with the Medical Practitioners' Union.

The Committee, in order to facilitate the consideration of M.31 by the Conference on June 7th (M.31, it will be remembered, was a report of the Insurance Acts Committee on the question of co-operation between the Insurance Acts Committee and the Medical Practitioners' Union), adopted the following motions to be placed in its name upon the Agenda of the Special Conference in June:

That this Conference:

(i) Regards it as essential to secure the greatest possible degree of common action by the profession in relation to the revision of the terms of service and to National Health Insurance matters generally.

(ii) Requests the Insurance Acts Committee within its present constitution and powers to co-operate with any other medical organization so far as such co-operation is possible and effective to this end, and so far as it deems such co-operation advisable in the best interests of its work.

(iii) Hopes that the Representative Body of the British Medical Association will support the recommendation of the Council of the Association to increase the direct representation of Local Medical and Panel Committees on the Insurance Acts Committee to twenty-three.

(iv) Reaffirms the resolutions of previous Conferences to the effect that Panel Committees and medical practitioners should support the National Insurance Defence Trust Fund to the fullest extent.

Correspondence.

The Rural Practitioner.

SIR,—About three months ago you published a letter from me, in which I mentioned certain of the disadvantages of the rural as compared with the urban panel practitioner. The consequent correspondence confirmed and underlined the statements then made. The points raised in that correspondence have been so recently and fully dealt with in an article (in the SUPPLEMENT of April 21st, p. 117) by Dr. Williams-Freeman that I shall not repeat them.

I should like to mention, however, that the essence of my letter was the statement that a capitation fee which was adequate for dense urban practices was totally inadequate for rural districts, even with the mileage addition. I think that any informed and unprejudiced person will agree that an urban panel of 1,000 calls for the expenditure of less time and labour than a rural one of 500, and certainly entails less practice expenses. This has a most important bearing on the position at this moment when the capitation fee is again under review, especially when the coming settlement will ren

for a number of years—probably five. That is to say, the yoke now put upon us must be borne for a considerable time.

A fee which is acceptable to doctors in the large centres, and which would be accepted by them, will not and cannot be taken by rural practitioners, for the very simple reason that it would be completely unremunerative. The rural fee, exclusive of mileage, should be about 25 per cent. larger than the urban fee, and even then the urban practitioner would be at a financial advantage, but this we expect, as it has always been the case. To be remunerative the rural fee ought to be in the region of 12s. 6d., with mileage extra.

Where will the Insurance Acts Committee get really firm support in the event of resignations having to be handed in and acted upon? From the rural districts, in many of which sound schemes for a public medical service are being pushed forward. The rural doctors must fight if they are not to starve, and nothing but this feeling would make them spend so much time and trouble on these schemes, which present great but by no means insurmountable difficulties, and which for a time will entail loss to themselves.

How can the Government be expected to give a satisfactory fee for rural patients if it entails paying an unnecessarily large fee for twelve times as many urban patients?

Rural doctors are in much the same position as the agricultural labourers, being outnumbered and outvoted; they are oppressed and kept poor by legislation imposed upon them by the urban population. Facts, even if unpleasant, are best dealt with by looking them in the face.

My own work is one-third rural and two-thirds urban—just enough to make me understand the difference in work entailed between rural and urban patients, and particularly to show me how inadequately the doctor with a purely rural practice is remunerated as compared with the man practising in a large urban area. Why is it that a large number of rural practices have been permanently abandoned during recent years?—I am, etc.,

Sherborne, Dorset, May 19th. T. MACCARTHY.

Limitation of Doctors' Lists.

SIR,—I am afraid that the Insurance Acts Committee are about to make another blunder at the expense of the struggling panel practitioners. In Clause 7 of the Memorandum they express themselves as quite agreeable to a limitation of doctors' lists to 2,500. Now, my experience is that a doctor's private practice is in inverse ratio to the size of his insurance list. That is to say, the medical man with a huge list has practically nothing else, as such lists are obtained only amongst the poorer classes, who look for their families' attendance to hospitals, dispensaries, and clinics. Moreover, what little work he does obtain is either unpaid or at very small fees. Accordingly such a large panel list as 3,000 may mean less day's work than one of 500 accompanied by a good private practice.

There is another aspect also which applies only to such districts as my own (Macclesfield) and the Lancashire cotton towns. In these towns almost all the married women are working and are "on the panel." In other towns these women are private patients. In consequence I find that a 3,000 list in such a district, including as it does the wives and the husbands, does not imply such a large practice as a 2,000 list in a town like Birmingham. Nor is the work so formidable, as most of the population are poor and employ midwives instead of doctors.—I am, etc.,

Macclesfield, May 25th. EDGAR BARNES.

Medical Attendance on Insured Persons.

SIR,—It has been proposed that panel doctors should be prohibited from receiving fees under any circumstances from any insured persons residing in the same district, except only for "specialist" services. If this were carried into effect it would mean, of course, a further hampering of the freedom of the insured person, and would add to that extent to the unpopularity of the Act.

Without going into the question of the relative quality of attendance under contract practice and fee practice (each has its advantages and its drawbacks), it is obvious that the two are different, and must of necessity be so.

There are a number of people who, though technically insured persons, prefer, and can afford, to have their medical attendance in other ways, and to waive their rights under the Insurance Act. There are also people who, though satisfied in general with the contract attendance of their panel doctors, like to seek help elsewhere sometimes for other than "specialist" services; or a consultation may be desired. A familiar example is that of a female patient who, having a medical man for her regular attendant, may prefer to consult a medical woman about some gynaecological trouble. All such would be rigidly limited in their choice to non-panel doctors, and thus, incidentally, the distinction already drawn in some quarters between "panel doctors" and "good doctors" would be further emphasized.—I am, etc.,

S. L. BUTTERWORTH WILKS.

Colwyn Bay, May 25th.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following announcements are notified by the Admiralty: Surgeon Commander H. F. Briggs to the *Sandhurst*. Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders C. M. R. Thatcher to the *Sandhurst*, A. G. Taylor to the *Defiance*. Surgeon Lieutenants W. J. McB. Allan to the *Repulse*, C. Cotter (temporary) to the *Wallace*, M. B. Devane to the *Cornflower*.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders L. A. Moncrieff, A. C. Paterson, H. E. Scargill, and T. Cock have been promoted to the rank of Surgeon Commander.

Mr. R. R. Barker has entered the service as Surgeon Lieutenant and has been appointed to R.N. Hospital, Haslar.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Captain V. J. A. Wilson relinquishes his commission and retains the rank of Captain.

Temporary Captain E. K. Campbell relinquishes the acting rank of Major.

Temporary Lieutenant R. W. Shaw to be temporary Captain.

The appointment to Captain of the undermentioned is ante-dated to the dates and precedence shown against their names, but not to carry pay or allowances for the period of ante-date: D. C. Scott, O.B.E., April 14th, 1918, next below G. W. Will. F. A. Roddy, April 15th, 1918, next below D. C. Scott. H. S. Milne, M.C., April 16th, 1918, next below T. V. Oldham. W. C. Hartgill, M.C., April 16th, 1918, next below H. S. Milne. Q. V. B. Wallace, M.C., April 19th, 1918, next below W. C. Hartgill. H. Alcock, April 22nd, 1918, next below F. C. Chandler. T. F. Kennedy, O.B.E., April 22nd, 1918, next below H. Alcock. C. Wilson, May 3rd, 1918, next below C. H. K. Smith. H. N. Stafford, M.C., May 7th, 1918, next below C. Wilson. J. B. Fotheringham, May 8th, 1918, next below H. N. Stafford. R. I. Sullivan, M.C., May 10th, 1918, next below K. A. M. Tomory. A. R. Ross, May 10th, 1918, next below R. I. Sullivan. R. A. Anderson, May 10th, 1918, next below A. R. Ross. F. M. Lipscomb, May 17th, 1918, next below G. D. Yates. H. P. Rudolf, M.C., May 17th, 1918, next below F. M. Lipscomb. D. N. Macleod, May 25th, 1918, next below H. P. Rudolf. G. B. Hadden, June 7th, 1918, next below M. P. Power. F. J. Hallinan, June 7th, 1918, next below G. B. Hadden. R. P. Cormack, July 7th, 1918, next below W. J. A. Laird. H. R. Sheppard, July 21st, 1918, next below C. M. Forster. W. L. E. Reynolds, M.C., August 2nd, 1918, next below A. G. P. Hardwick. W. K. Campbell, D.S.O., M.C., August 7th, 1918, next below W. L. E. Reynolds. A. E. Richmond, O.B.E., October 21st, 1918, next below R. McKinley. C. H. G. Penny, November 9th, 1918, next below G. S. Douglas. W. McE. Snodgrass, M.C., November 30th, 1918, next below L. B. Clarke. J. T. Scrogie, January 31st, 1919, next below R. A. Mansell. G. T. Gimlette, June 29th, 1919, next below G. D. Gripper. W. H. Ferguson, M.C., September 23rd, 1919, next below R. W. Chapman. J. A. Crawford, September 26th, 1919, next below W. H. Ferguson. J. A. W. Ebden, March 19th, 1920, next below G. G. Drummond. G. E. L. Simons, August 2nd, 1920, next below J. R. S. Mackay. W. C. MacKinnon, January 8th, 1921, next below P. A. Stewart.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Group Captain N. J. Roche to No. 1 School of Technical Training (Boys), Halton, for duty as Principal Medical Officer. Flight Lieutenant T. Sheehan to R.A.F. Base, Calshot. Flying Officer K. R. Smith to School of Naval Co-operation, Lee-on-Solent.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Major E. R. Lovell (late R.A.M.C., S.R.) to be Captain with precedence as from April 1st, 1915, and relinquishes the rank of Major.

Captain H. Wade, C.M.G., D.S.O., relinquishes his commission and is granted the rank of Colonel.

A. H. Richardson, O.B.E. (late Surgeon Lieutenant, R.N.), to be Lieutenant with precedence as from November 6th, 1916.

General Hospitals.—Lieut.-Colonel (Brevet Colonel) A. B. Gemmel, C.B.E., having attained the age limit is retired, November 11th, 1922, and retains his rank (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, May 4th, 1923). Major G. R. Murray having attained the age limit is retired, September 30th, 1921, and retains the rank of Major. Captain R. Ollerenshaw relinquishes his commission and is granted the rank of Major. Captains T. B. Mouat and E. M. Woodman relinquish their commissions and retain the rank of Captain.

VACANCIES.

ABERDEEN ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant Surgeon.

BIRKENHEAD BOROUGH HOSPITAL.—Honorary Radiologist.

BLACKBURN COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum, rising to £700.

BLACKFORD PARISH, PERTHSHIRE.—Medical Officer and Public Vaccinator Salary under Poor Law £70 per annum.

BRENTWOOD MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £510 per annum, rising to £610.

BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Clinical Assistants.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, W.C.2.—Pathological Chemist. Salary £400 per annum.

CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Locum for District Tuberculosis Officers. Salary £10 10s. per week.

COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL, Whittingham, Preston.—Pathological Assistant Medical Officer. Salary including bonus £590 17s.

DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

DUBLIN: DR. STEEVENS'S HOSPITAL.—(1) Honorary Obstetric Physician and Gynaecologist. (2) Honorary Dental Surgeon.

EALING BOROUGH.—Locumtenent in the absence of the Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Remuneration £10 10s. per week.

EASTBOURNE: PRINCESS ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon (Male). Salary at the rate of £175 per annum for six months, and if reappointed £200 per annum.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.—Medical Superintendent, Darvell Bank Sanatorium for Tuberculosis, Robertsbridge. Salary £650 per annum, rising to £750.

ECCLES AND PATRICROFT HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary £200 per annum.

ELIZABETH GARRETT ANDERSON HOSPITAL, Euston Road, N.W.—Assistant Surgeon (Female).

FIFE AND KINROSS JOINT SANATORIUM.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer (Male). Salary £250 per annum.

GARTLOCH MENTAL HOSPITAL—Locumtenent for three months. Salary at the rate of £350 per annum.

GUILDFORD: ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary £150 per annum.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL AND NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) Casualty Medical Officer. (4) Casualty Surgical Officer. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum each.

HERTFORD.—Assistant Medical Officer at the County Sanatorium. Salary £300 per annum.

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Assistant Surgeon.

ISLEWORTH: WEST MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.—Assistant to the Medical Superintendent. £350 per annum, rising to £400, plus bonus.

KENT COUNTY OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, Maidstone.—House-Surgeon (Male). Salary £300 per annum.

LANCASTER: COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £300 per annum, plus bonus.

LEAMINGTON SPA: WARNEFORD, LEAMINGTON AND SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £150 per annum.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.—Seventh Assistant Medical Officer in the Mental Hospital Service. Salary, £300 per annum, rising to £400, plus temporary additions.

LONDON LOCK HOSPITAL, Dean Street, W.1.—Clinical Assistantships in the Out-patient Department.

METROPOLITAN EAR, NOSE AND THROAT HOSPITAL, Fitzroy Square, W.1.—Assistant Surgeon.

NORTH MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, Edmonton, N.18.—Male Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £200 per annum.

OXFORD: RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY AND COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £200 per annum.

PEMBROKE BOROUGH.—Medical Officer of Health and School Medical Officer. Combined salary £250 and bonus.

PLAISTOW: ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—(1) Honorary Physician. (2) Honorary Assistant Physician.

PORTSMOUTH: ROYAL PORTSMOUTH HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon. (2) Two Assistant House-Surgeons. (Males). Salary for (1) at the rate of £200 per annum, and for (2) £150 per annum.

ROYAL DENTAL HOSPITAL, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—House Anaesthetist. Honorarium, 10s. 6d. per attendance.

ROYAL EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Four Honorary Medical Officers.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—Ophthalmic Surgeon.

ST. LUCIA.—Resident Surgeon, Victoria Hospital; Medical Superintendent, Lunatic Asylum, and Bacteriologist. Salary £500 per annum.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, ETC., Henrietta Street, W.C.2.—Clinical Assistants in the Out-patient Department.

SHROPSHIRE ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, Gobowen, near Oswestry.—Students to learn Orthopaedic work. Salary, first year £16, and £20 second year.

VENTNOR: ROYAL NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—Male Assistant Medical Officer. Salary £300 per annum.

WELSH BOARD OF HEALTH.—Medical Officer (Female). Salary £600 per annum, rising to £1,100, with cost of living bonus in addition.

WEST HERTS HOSPITAL, Hemel Hempstead.—Resident Medical Officer. Salary £200 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.6.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) Aural House-Surgeon and Resident Casualty Officer. (4) Assistant Anaesthetist. (5) Honorary Medical Radiologist (Diagnosis). Salary for (1), (2), and (3), at the rate of £100 per annum.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Senior Assistant Medical Officer in the Lunacy Department. Salary £552 per annum, rising to £600.

WESTMINSTER DISPENSARY, Rochester Row, S.W.—Registered Medical Practitioner. Salary £100 per annum.

WILTS COUNTY COUNCIL.—School Dentist. Salary £500 per annum.

MEDICAL REFEREE.—Applications for an additional Ophthalmic Specialist Medical Referee under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1905, for County Court Circuits Nos. 24 and 30 (Brecknockshire, Monmouthshire and Glamorganshire), should reach the Private Secretary, Home Office, by June 16th.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.1.—Thurs., 5 p.m., Croonian Lecture by Professor J. B. Leathes: The Rôle of Fats in Vital Phenomena.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.—*Section of Surgery*: Wed., 5.30 p.m., Mr. R. H. A. Whitelocke: Treatment of Fractures of the Patella. Mr. Winsbury White: Closure of Suprapubic Fistula following Prostatectomy—observations of 68 Cases. *Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*: Thurs., 8 p.m., Mr. Victor Bonney: Diurnal Incontinence of Urine in Women. Mr. Leonard Phillips: Treatment of Dysmenorrhoea, with analysis of 100 Cases. Specimens. *Section of Ophthalmology*: Fri., at 8 p.m., Cases. 8.30 p.m., Annual General Meeting. Miss Ida Mann: Suggestions on the Embryology of Congenital Crescents. Mr. P. Doyne: Tournée Reaction.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

BRISTOL UNIVERSITY: Hereford.—Mon., Mr. T. Carwardine: Abdominal Pain and its Causes.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.—Tues., 5.30 p.m., Mr. R. A. Hendry: The Value of Ante-Natal Supervision.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—Thurs., 4 p.m., Dr. A. M. H. Gray: Eczema.

INFANTS' HOSPITAL, Vincent Square, S.W.—Dr. Eric Pritchard: Mon., 6 p.m., Milk Examinations and Analyses; Thurs., 6 p.m., Examination of Urine and Stools of Infants. Tues., 8.45 p.m., Dr. V. Denne: Prophylaxis in the Treatment of Teeth in Infancy. Fri., 8.45 p.m., Mr. P. Franklin: Causes, Treatment and Prevention of Adenoids and Enlarged Tonsils.

INSTITUTE OF PATHOLOGY AND RESEARCH, St. Mary's Hospital, W.2.—Professor F. G. Hopkins: An Oxidizing Agent in Living Tissues.

LONDON HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE, Mile End, E.—Wed., 4.15 p.m., Dr. W. M. Feldman: Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Child Physiology—Foetal Physiology. Fri., 4.15 p.m., Mr. A. G. Walton: The Thyroid Gland.

LONDON (ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL) SCHOOLS OF MEDICINE FOR WOMEN, Hunter Street, W.C.1.—Tues., 5 p.m., Professor A. Louise McIlroy: Ante-Natal Care—Foetal Welfare and Mortality.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tues., 4.15 p.m., Mr. F. H. Westmacott: Mastoid Disease.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART, Westmoreland Street, W.1.—Thurs., 5.30 p.m., Dr. J. Parkinson: Rheumatic Carditis.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Mon., Tues., Thurs., and Fri., 2 p.m., Out-Patient Clinics. Mon., 12 noon, Dr. J. G. Greenfield: Neuro-Pathology—Pathology of the Neuron; 3.30 p.m., Mr. Paton: Neuroparalytic Keratitis. Dr. H. Howell: Tues., 3.30 p.m., Trophic Disorders in Disease of Nervous System; Thurs., 3.30 p.m., Disordered Gaits in Nervous Disease. Fri., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Saunders: Myasthenia Gravis. Operations, Tues., and Fri., 9 a.m.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham.—Clinical Cases at 3.30 p.m. Mon., Gynaecological, Mr. J. B. Banister. Tues., Radiologocal, Dr. J. Metcalfe. Wed., Throat and Nose, Mr. C. H. Hayton. Thurs., Medical, Dr. Yealland. Fri., Surgical, Mr. E. Gillespie.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN-HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.1.—Thurs., 5 p.m., Mr. L. C. Rivett: Venereal Disease in Pregnancy.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.—Mon., 12 noon, Mr. Simmonds: Applied Anatomy. Tues., 2.30 p.m., Mr. T. Gray: Surgical Wards. Wed., 11 a.m., Mr. Simson: Gynaecological Demonstration. Thurs., 10 a.m., Dr. G. Stewart: Neurological Dept., Fri., 3 p.m., Mr. Sinclair: Surgical Out-patients. Sat., 10 a.m., Dr. Saunders: Medical Diseases of Children. Daily, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., In- and Out-patients, Operations, Special Departments.

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JUNE.

1 Fri. City Division: Council Chamber, Shoreditch Town Hall, 9.15 p.m.

5 Tues. Birmingham Central Division: Room 16, 18, Bennett's Hill, Birmingham, 3.30 p.m.
Brighton Division: Annual Meeting, Dispensary, Queen's Road, 8.30 p.m.

7 Thurs. London (Central Hall, Westminster): Panel Conference, 10 a.m.
Huddersfield Division: Annual Picnic, 1 p.m.
Hyde Division: Annual Meeting, Hyde Town Hall, 4 p.m.

12 Tues. Brighton Division: Special Meeting, Dispensary, Queen's Road, Lecture by Dr. C. K. Clarke, on the Work of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene in Canada and its International Importance, 8.30 p.m.

13 Wed. London: Council Meeting, 10 a.m.

14 Thurs. Kent Branch: Annual Meeting, Bromley, Lunch, Royal Bell Hotel, 1 p.m.; Business Meeting, 2.15 p.m.; Visit to Chislehurst Caves, 3.30 p.m.; Dinner, 6.30 p.m.

20 Wed. East Yorks and North Lincoln Branch: Annual Meeting, Powolny's Banqueting Rooms, 1 p.m.
Willesden Division: Adjourned Annual Meeting, Willesden General Hospital, Harlesden Road, 9 p.m.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTH.

EVANS.—On May 21st, at The White House, Randolph Crescent, Maida Vale, the wife of Captain W. S. Evans, R.A.M.C.—of a son.

DEATHS.

HEGGS.—On May 19th, at Woodborough Road, Nottingham, from the after-effects of gas poisoning in the war, Major Francis Raymond Mitchell Heggs, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., R.A.M.C., T.F., and dearly beloved husband of Maud Ethel Heggs, aged 48. Funeral service on Wednesday, at St. Jude's, 12.15. Interment Church Cemetery, 1.10.

KNIGHT.—On May 7th, at West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital—following an operation—Frederick Charles Rienzi Malins Knight, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., of Watlington, Norfolk (late of 43, Claremont Square, N.), beloved husband of Winifred Knight, and son of Dr. Charles Knight of Letchworth.

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